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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: SECURITY FOR AMERICANS

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM BOWDLER

1. EGAN'S DEATH HAS DRAMATIZED VULNERABILITY TO TERRORIST  
ACTION OF AMERICANS LIVING IN ARGENTINA.

2. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT ALL OFFICIAL AMERICANS ARE  
NOW LIVING IN GREATER BUENOS AIRES AREA AND ARE SUBJECT  
TO SECURITY PROGRAM WHICH YOU HAVE PUT INTO EFFECT. WHILE  
I RECOGNIZE THAT EMBASSY'S PROTECTION MEASURES ARE NO  
GUARANTEE AGAINST ATTACK, THEY HAVE IMPORTANT DETERRENT  
EFFECT. WE EXPECT SECURITY WATCH

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COMMITTEE TO KEEP YOUR PROGRAM UNDER CONSTANT REVIEW BOTH

AS TO MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN AND COMPLIANCE BY  
ALL PERSONNEL COVERED BY THEM.

3. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT DANGER FACING NON-OFFICIAL  
AMERICANS RESIDING IN ARGENTINA. WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE

ASSUME DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR SAFETY AND WELL  
BEING, WE DO HAVE OBLIGATION, WHICH YOU HAVE ASSUMED,  
TO ADVISE THEM ON LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION AND COUNSEL  
ON WHAT THEY MIGHT DO TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN SECURITY.

4. IN LIGHT OF WHAT HAPPENED TO EGAN, WE BELIEVE YOU  
SHOULD REVIEW SITUATION OF UNOFFICIAL RESIDENT AMERICANS,  
PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE SYMBOLICALLY SIGNIFICANT TO  
THE TERRORISTS BECAUSE OF THEIR CONNECTION WITH LARGE  
AMERICAN BUSINESS FIRMS (I.E. THE QUOTE YANKEE INTERESTS  
UNQUOTE REFERRED TO IN THE MONTONERO COMMUNIQUE ON  
EGAN'S KIDNAPPING.) WE KNOW THAT A GOOD MANY OF THESE  
HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. BUT WE WONDER  
HOW MANY REMAIN? WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED? WHETHER TIME  
HAS NOT COME TO ADVISE THEM TO CONSIDER MOVING TO  
URUGUAY OR OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRY? WHAT OTHER MEASURES  
MIGHT BE TAKEN TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY OF AMERICAN  
RESIDENTS IN ARGENTINA?

5. REQUEST YOU DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH YOUR SECURITY  
WATCH COMMITTEE AND SEND US YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. INGERSOLL

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